

A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR NAVIGATING A DISPLAY SCREEN FOR
LOCATING A DESIRED ITEM OF INFORMATION

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method and a system for navigating a display screen to search for a
desired item of information stored in an electronic device. The electronic device
includes a novel fly over user interface (FOUI) capable of receiving commands
from a user to provide a zoom out view of the display screen. A user may
commence a navigation session by touching the display screen in a non active
area or by clicking on a specifically designated icon to activate the user interface.
During the navigation session, the display screen is zoomed-out and a
magnifying area may appear on the display screen. The user interface enables
the user to scroll the zoomed-out display screen by dragging the magnifying area
towards an edge of the display screen to find a desired item of information. The
display screen may be a display screen of a digital device (e.g., portable
computer, personal computer, a cellular telephone, a digital watch, etc). The user
may terminate a navigation session by removing the pointer from the display
screen.